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SUBJECT: GUYANESE GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS COUP ATTEMPT
AND EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR PEREZ

1. (U) SUMMARY: THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA CONDEMNED
THE COUP ATTEMPT IN A GOVERNMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENT LAST
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WEEK AND CONFIRMED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PEREZ
GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA WAS PLEASED BY
THE SURVIVAL OF PEREZ BECAUSE OF THE DESTABILIZING
EFFECTS A SUCCESSFUL COUP IN A BORDERING COUNTRY
WOULD HAVE HAD. BEYOND THIS, GUYANESE WERE CONCERNED
THAT A NATIONALISTIC, MILITARY GOVERNMENT WOULD PRESS
THE VENEZUELAN CLAIM FOR TWO-THIRDS OF GUYANA'S
TERRITORY, UPSETTING THE GOOD RELATIONS DEVELOPED
OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) ON FEBRUARY 5, THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: OSCAR J OLSON
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(B), 1.4(D)
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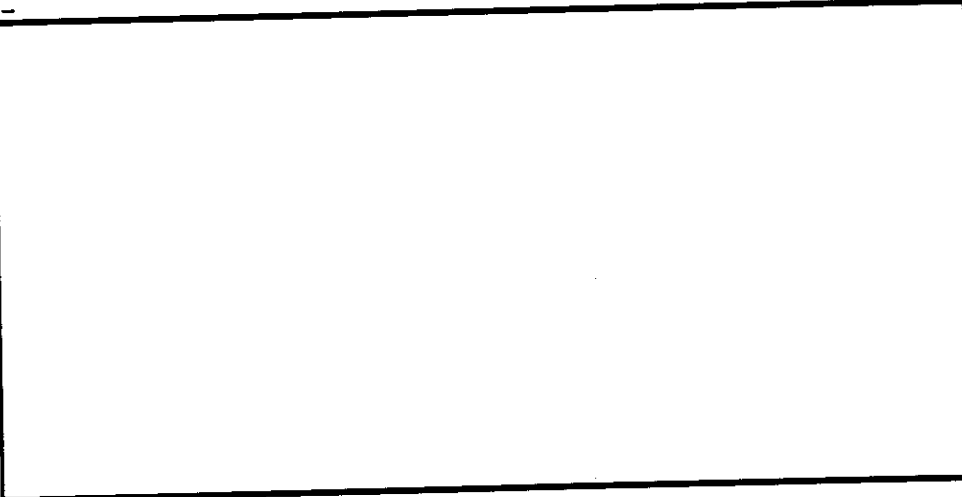
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RELEASED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE ATTEMPTED COUP IN VENEZUELA AND PRESIDENT HOYTE SENT A PERSONAL LETTER TO PEREZ EXPRESSING THE RELIEF OF BOTH HOYTE AND THE GOG THAT THE COUP HAD BEEN PUT DOWN SO RAPIDLY. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, RELATIONS BETWEEN GUYANA AND VENEZUELA HAVE IMPROVED MARKEDLY, THE TWO HAVING STAGED EXCHANGE VISITS BY HEADS OF STATE AND SEVERAL MINISTERS. DISCUSSIONS TO SETTLE THEIR TERRITORIAL DISPUTE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT ELECTRICAL PROJECT HAVE ALSO SERVED TO REGULARIZE THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

3. (U) THE PRINCIPLE CONCERN OF GUYANESE, BOTH OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE, WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF A NATIONALISTIC MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN VENEZUELA WHICH WOULD LIKELY HAVE PURSUED VENEZUELA'S LONGSTANDING CLAIM TO TWO THIRDS OF GUYANA'S TERRITORY. IN THE PAST, VENEZUELA'S CLAIMS HAVE DISCOURAGED FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE DISPUTED AREAS. THESE EFFORTS ARE BELIEVED BY GUYANESE TO HAVE CAUSED THE CLOSING OF A
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MANGANESE MINE AND ARE SLOWING OFFSHORE OIL
EXPLORATION BY MOBIL OIL COMPANY. THE RENEWED
NATIONALISM COULD ALSO RESULT IN THE EXPULSION OF THE
ESTIMATED 80,000 GUYANESE CURRENTLY LIVING AND
WORKING IN VENEZUELA.



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